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INTERAGENCY INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM*

SUBJECT: Arms Shipments to India and Pakistan During
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KEY POINTS

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-- [REDACTED]

-- The USSR remained India's major supply source, and
this relationship is likely to continue.

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-- China remained Pakistan's major supply source, but
Paris is becoming an increasingly important mili-
tary supplier, especially of sophisticated equip-
ment. In the first half of 1976:

- Paris delivered three maritime reconnaissance
aircraft [REDACTED]

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- Islamabad has asked Washington for 110 A-7 fighter bombers, in addition to \$82 million of military equipment still on order from the US.

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-- The military equipment received by India and Pakistan did not significantly alter the military equation between them -- India continues to have an overwhelming military advantage compared to Pakistan.

- Should the Pakistanis obtain the A-7 fighter bomber, however, it would enhance their negligible existing ground support and air interdiction capability. As a result, India might decide to accelerate its present efforts to obtain a deep penetration strike aircraft and further improve its low altitude defense.

-- Neither country imported items which affected its nuclear weapons capability potential.

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